

Knights Drop 2nd Loop Nod

A third quarter lapse cost Bishop Montgomery its second straight Camino Real League basketball loss Friday night.

Turning in a near perfection first half performance, Montgomery became disturbed with the officiating in the third quarter, was outscored 24-10, and subsequently dropped a 74-63 decision to rugged Pater Noster.

With Bill Brown and Pete Maccarrone throwing in 24 points between them, Montgomery raced to a 39-36 half-time edge over the league favorites.

THE THIRD quarters killed the Knights. BMHS coach Roger Folsom said after the game, "We were trying to do somebody else's job and not paying enough attention to ours."

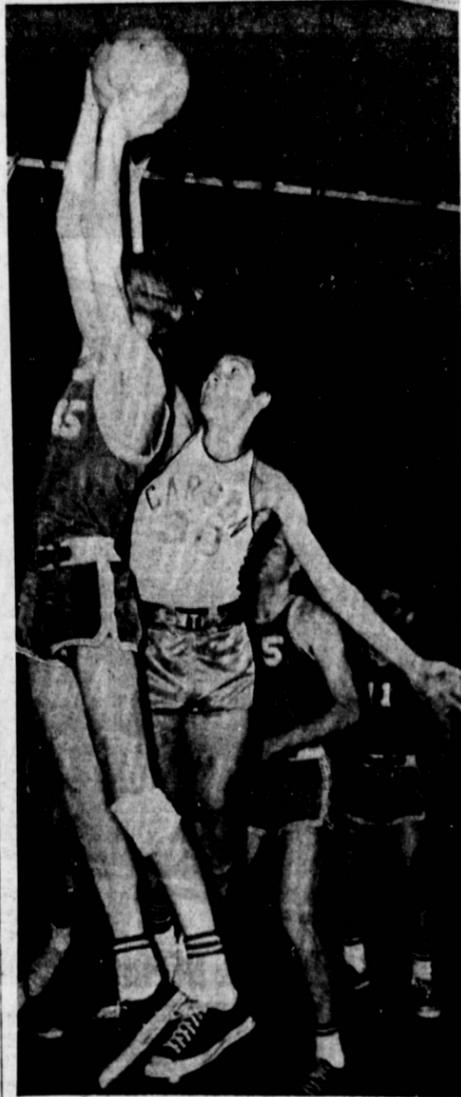
Brown, who delivered 14 points in the first half, finished with 20 markers. Maccarrone, whose 10 points in the opening half helped push Montgomery into the surprise lead, ended with 14.

Dennis Blackburn and Tony Guggiana contributed 11 points each and 6-7 freshman John Pleick, making his first varsity start, added 7 markers.

AT ONE POINT in the second quarter Montgomery managed an 11 point edge until the tall Pater Noster quintet, tabbed as the league's best by Folsom, rallied to close the gap.

Much of Montgomery's first half success can be attributed to the rebounding of Blackburn and Pleick as they outmaneuvered the taller Pater Noster players to control the boards.

Jim Halbur, possibly the league's best player, according to Folsom, wound up with only 16 points for Pater Noster. In the first half, Halbur managed only six digits as Guggiana kept a tight leash on him.



REBOUND BATTLE . . . Carson High's All-City candidate Pat Holmes grapples with a Gardena opponent during Friday night's Marine League war. Holmes, who was the City's 12th leading scorer with an 18.6 average, was limited to 11 points as Gardena picked up a 59-53 triumph.

The Fearless Spectator

By

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This is the time of the year when one mounts Parnassus, to meditate on the great panorama of sports during the year. This is when things are very tight, columnwise.

Some scribes worry about the best 10 this or that, or the greatest upset. Not this here scribe. I try to recall the most subversive word or deed committed in the name of sports during the year. There is seldom lack of material in this field.

Most of the Establishment would sooner pass up a drink than say or do anything subversive. They're guys like Al Dark, who say things like, "I'll play 'em one at a time," and help their friendly hitting star to get home when he has had an excess of schnapps.

But there are others: losers, malcontents, the frustrated. And worst of all, the free thinkers.

A notable free thinker is Jimmy Piersall. Piersall is one of those children of God who can prove he is not off his rocker, since he served hard time in a mental institution and was released with a certificate of sanity.

Piersall committed the most subversive act of the year 1963, by a long chalk, when he hit a home run and ran around the bases BACKWARDS. He ran to the conventional bases, but with his back facing them.

There is nothing in the rule book to say how you have to run bases: but Jimmy's action was clearly in contravention of the entire canon. If one doubted it, there were the preactable bleats from the office of the Czar of Baseball, Mr. Ford Frick. "Deplorable, untraditional," clucked the commissioner.

This was clearly the most subversive act of the year. Actions are supposed to speak louder than words, but don't you believe it. In the world of sports, words can be corrosive as well as subversive.

The most subversive thing that happened in sports this year were a few well-chosen remarks by a man frequently thought to be one of the touchstones of the Establishment. Mr. Sonny Liston.

Sonny was cutting up touches with the sporting scribes at Las Vegas before his now-infamous second encounter with Mr. Floyd Patterson, wherein Mr. Patterson was pawed into oblivion before he had time to take a deep breath.

While no Sidney Smith, Mr. Liston is capable of making himself clear, like this: "If anyone buys a ticket to see this fight he must be silly. It'll end just as fast as the first one."

Now here is a statement that properly qualifies as subversive. It stabs directly at the heart of the established order; it advocates the overthrow of that most sacred of all idols, Mammon, and it is true.

The reporters, being good party men, left the utterances unreported for the most part, though there were a few finks among us. The gamblers at the Thunderbird looked at Sonny, over the crap tables, with a new horror. When you rap the gate, buddy, you're just too much.

Wherefore and in consideration of this rare burst of anti-social honesty, this here scribe nominates Sonny Liston to be Sportsman of the Year, 1963.

Gardena Balance Overcomes Carson's First-Year Quintet

Four Gardena High starters wound up in double figures Friday night as the Mohicans avenged an early-season loss to Carson High with a 59-53 Marine League cage triumph.

A jammed crowd of approximately 1,200 sat in the Carson gym to witness the crowning of Miss Basketball and a demonstration of first-string superiority by Gardena.

The Mohicans' 6-4 center, Russ Nelson, popped in 16

points as Gardena broke a 13-13 halftime tie and carted a 30-26 lead into the locker room before pulling farther ahead in the third stanza.

Ron Hedkamp and 5-5 Dale Minami carded 12 points and Fred Wilson added 10 more as Gardena reversed a 57-55 first-round Marine League loss to the Colts.

Carson's All-City candidate, 6-2 Pat Holmes, was held to 11 points, well below his aver-

age of 18.6 points per game. Prior to Friday's contest, Holmes was the 12th ranking scorer in the City.

Pat's younger brother, 5-9 Junior Harvey, led the Colts with 18 markers.

Possibly the finest performance of the evening came from Carson's Steve Meade. After missing three days of school with a 104 degree temperature, Meade came back to flip in nine markers.

Missing from the Colt lineup was starting forward Lee Miller, who was out with a twisted knee. Buddy Brown, making his first varsity start, filled in for Miller with a nine-point effort.

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